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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 14, 2006, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification of the above-identified application.

P. HAJDUKIEWICZ et al., "The Small, Versatile pPZP Family of Agrobacterium Binary Vectors for Plant Transformation", Plant Molecular Biology, Vol. 25, pp. 989-994 (1994); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application beginning on page 17;

R. JEFFERSON et al., "GUS Fusions: β-Glucuronidase as a Sensitive and Versatile Gene Fusion Marker in Higher Plants", EMBO J., Vol. 6, No. 13, pp. 3901-3907 (1987); Applicants

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note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application beginning on page 18;

D. FRISCH et al., "Complete Sequence of the Binary Vector Bin 19," Plant Molecular Biology, Vol. 27, pp. 405-409 (1995); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application beginning on page 18;

S. CLOUGH et al., "Floral Dip: A Simplified Method for Agrobacterium-mediated Transformation of *Arabidopsis thaliana*", Plant J., Vol. 16, No. 6, pp. 735-743 (1998); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the specification of the present application beginning on page 19.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicants has not received an action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

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However, if an action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants hereby authorize the charging of any required fees necessary for consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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